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[Numismatist, Montreal, Quebec], 1877-1921

Montreal June 4th 1877

Wm Poillon Esq.
Secretary
of the American Numismatic and Archaeological
Society of New York

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Dear Sir

It gives me much pleasure to accept the corresponding membership to which your society has so kindly elected me. You will be pleased to inform me what duties if any the election entails. At any rate you may rest assured that as in the past the study of Numismatics as represented by your society shall receive my warm sympathy if not cordial support.

Thanking you for the honor thus conferred I am Yours Respectfully
Rev M Hackett

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Wm Poillon Esq
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Dear Sir

I have been from home for some time or I should soon have replied to your note informing me of my selection as Corresponding member of your Society. I have to thank you for the honour and in complying the promise shall try to make it more than a matter by complying with your request for a paper to be read before your society. I am so much away from home that I cannot

get much time for writing but I will do my best. I have some Idea of writing a paper on the medals relating to the Conquest of Canada of which I have almost a complete Collection lacking only one so far as I know. I will set to work as soon as I get home which will be about the tenth of August

Yours respectfully

R. W. McLachlan

R. W. McLachlan
Acknowledging election as
Corresponding member

July 11th 1882

55 St Dominique Street
Montreal 11th June 1912

Mrs Agnes Baldwin
Curator American Numismatic Society
New York

Dear Madam

Enclosed I am sending a medal for the museum of the Society for which I trust you may find a place

Yours truly
Russ Lachlan

June 9th, 1913.

Mr. R. W. McLachlan,
65 St. Monique Street,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Mr. McLachlan:-

I take pleasure in sending you herewith a copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of this Society at a meeting held on June 4th, and would request that you kindly communicate this to the Antiquarian and Numismatic Society of Montreal.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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MONTREAL, 19th June 1913

Bauman L Belden Esq
Secretary
American Numismatic Society
New York

Dear Sir

Yours with resolution of Congratulations to the Antiquarian and Numismatic Society of Montreal came duly to hand As there will be no meeting of the Society before the middle of September perhaps not until October it cannot be presented until that time In the mean time I may express sincere thanks for this kindly remembrance from a sister society.

I may advise you that I expect to move my residence in about three weeks to 310 Lansdowne Avenue Westmount-Montreal.

Yours truly
Rum Lachlan

January 27th, 1921

R. W. McLachlan, Esq.
310 Lansdowne Avenue
Westmount, Montreal, Can.

My dear Sir:

The catalogue of the sale of the Hunter Collection by S.H. Chapman recently, in describing the Military General Service medal with the three bars for Fort Detroit, Chateauguay and Christler's Farm, gives a reference to your article in Vol.IV of the Canadian Antiquarian and Numismatic Journal. In this article, mention was made of the fact that the medal with three bars issued to Jean Baptiste Leclair, of the Canadian Militia, was the only such medal with three bars issued.

Accidentally, in the last day or two, I have run across a description of the medal with these same three bars in the collection of the late Mr. James Oliver of New York, and exhibited in the rooms at the American Numismatic Society in 1887, later sold in London by Sotheby in 1891, with the edge inscribed Jean Baptiste Lapierre. The fact that both the description of the medal as it appeared in the Proceedings of the Society for 1887 and as it appeared in the Sotheby Catalogue give this reading for the edge, makes it seem possible that this was not a typographical error; and since I feel sure of the accuracy of your statement referred to - that only one three-barred medal had been issued, it occurs to me that this second medal is one with two bars illegitimately added.

I am very anxious to confirm this opinion of mine, and also to get together any other information about the General Service medals with any of these three bars, as I am preparing a short monograph on these medals for publication in the series of Numismatic Notes and Monographs which our Society is now issuing.

I should appreciate very greatly any information you can give me, and an expression of your opinion in regard to the medal with the name of Lapierre.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator

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February 7th, 1921.

R. W. McLachlan, Esq.,
310 Lansdowne Avenue,
Westmount, Montreal, Can.

My dear Mr. McLachlan:-

Your letter of February 3rd received this morning, and I am extremely grateful to you for the information contained therein.

The appearance both in your article and Chapman's catalogue of the Hunter Collection of the name Leclaire was confusing, and the only explanation that occurred to me was that there might be a second medal with bars illegitimately added. It did not seem probable that an exactly typographical error could have appeared twice in such widely divergent places. Apparently Mr. Chapman in cataloguing the Hunter Collection depended upon the article in the Canadian Antiquarian Journal rather than upon the medal itself. It certainly is surprising how these errors will creep in to work of this sort no matter what care is exercised to avoid them. It has often happened in my own work.

You very kindly offered to let me see your original copy of the names of those to whom the medal was issued in Canada with any one of the three bars. I should be very much pleased to get these names, and would consider them with your permission then as suitable material for publication in my monograph.

I hope to be in London this spring, and am then going to get from the War Office medal rolls the names of members of the Regular Crown Forces who received the medal with any one of the three bars.

It is my purpose in preparing this monograph to make it as absolutely complete a record of the issue of these bars as it is possible to gather together at this time.

Assuring you again of my sincere appreciation of the assistance you have already given me, I am,

Yours very truly,

Assistant to Curator.

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